whenever a drug cosmetic is found to be harmful or irrational.

Shortage of Staff in Primary Health Centres of Kokrajhar, Assam

1200. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of doctors, pharmacists and nurses in the Primary Health Centres of Kokrajhar District of Assam as reported in the Assam Tribune of 13th September, 1990; and

(b) whether Government propose to take any corrective steps to remedy this state of affairs if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MNISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF SHA-KEELUR REHMAN); (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Amendment to the Mental Health Act

1202, SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a workshop on 'Current Trends in Mental Health" was organised in Jaipur, if so, the details of recommen-datiins made therein;

(b) whether the Indian Phychiatric Society has urged the Central Government to amend the Mental Health Act before its implementation in the country: and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Act in accordance with the recommendations; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. SHAKEELUR REHMAN); (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Literacy drive in the Villages

1203. S'IRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-DRAKANT BHANDRAE: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will 'the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased t') State:

(a) the total number of villages in each State and Union Territory which claim 100 per cent Iliteracy; their percentage of the total villages and their population; and

(b) what targets are contemplated to be achieved during the Eighth Plan period in regard to literacy drive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE' MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) The National Literacy Mission aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 million illiterate adults in the 15—35 age-group by 1990—95 The target for the 8th Five Year Plan is 65 million including the 7th Plan backlog of about 15 million (approx.).

2. A mass campaign for the National Literacy Mission was launched at the national level on 5. 5. 1988. Similar campaigns have also been launched at the StatVUT and District levels in 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990. 91. The objective of launching of such mass campaigns is to enlist the involvement and support of all sections of the society for the National Literacy Mission on the one hand and to take up area-specific ari<f time-specific plans for total eradication of illiteracy *on* the other. The States/UTs which have launched such mass campaigns for total literacy for the whole State/selec. ted districts/blocks are Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Goa; Pondicherry, Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Several interesting results have already been obtained and more such results are expected in future as a result of such mass campaigns for total literacy.